Slovakia offer on T-72 Russian Tank

1439. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI SOM PAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Slovakia has offered to modernise and manufacture T-72 Russian made battle tank and its 155 mm Howitzer for sale;

(b) if so, what are the conditionalities and estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the upgrading of T-72 tanks and 155 mm Howitzer;

(c) what will be the role of both the countries regarding economy *technique, ownership and marketing*;

(d) whether the arms manufactured in this joint venture are likely to be exported; and

(e) what is the present position with regard to the development and induction of the indigenous battle tank "Arjun" to the Army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINNISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) While Slovakia has forwarded some brochures pertaining to its defence industry capabilities, including such capabilities in respect of T-72 tanks and 155 mm guns, no offer has been received or solicited.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Currently tanks of the pre-production series of MBT "Arjun" are being supplied to the Army.

Mismanagement in electronics trade and technology development Corporation

1440. SHRI N. NALLASIVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of Eelctronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Limited are being harassed by the present management;

(b) whether it is a fact that around 65 employees have left/resigned from the Corporation since the take over of the present Chairman and Managing Director;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even all the three Directors (out of four) resigned due to ill treatment and deteriorating conditions of the Corporation; and

(d) if so, what is the corrective action Government propose to take to improve the morale of the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No; Sir,

(b) 66 employees left the corporation during the period 1.4.91 to 31.3.94.

(c) No, Sir. The Diretors had resigned on their own to take up other assignments.

(d) Does not arise.

Sale of pirated software by electronics trade and technology development corporation

1441. SHRI N. NALLASIVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Electronics Trade and Technology Dev-